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REMARKS

This response is filed in reply to the Office Action dated July 16, 2002. By the present amendment, claims 1-11 have been cancelled without prejudice and claims 12-16 have been added. Claims 12-16 are pending in the application. The cancellation of claims 1-11 should in no way be construed to be an acquiescence to any of the rejections. The cancellation of these claims is being made solely to expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application. Applicant reserves the option to further prosecute the same or similar claims in the instant or subsequent patent application.

Double Patenting Rejection of Claims 1-5

The Office Action rejected claims 1-5 under the judicially created doctrine of non-statutory double patenting over the claim of U.S. Patent No. 5,388,331.

By the present amendment, claims 1-5 have been cancelled, rendering moot the non-statutory double patenting rejection of claims 1-5.

New Claims 12-16

By the present amendment, Applicant adds new independent claim 12 directed to a disposable razor or razor cartridge. Claims 13-15 depend from claim 12. In addition, Applicant adds new independent claim 13 directed to a disposable razor or razor cartridge.

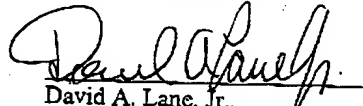
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Conclusion

In view of the amendments set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, allowance is requested. If there are any remaining issues or the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with the Applicant's attorney would be helpful in expediting the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (617) 832-1197.

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